

# One Stop Student Services

## Policy: Student Status Determination

### Student Status

The chart below illustrates how student status enrollment is determined by the number of credits for the purposes of certification to federal, state or private agencies (excluding Veterans certifications):

<b>Fall/Spring Semesters</b>			
SEMESTER	FULL TIME	HALF TIME	LESS THAN HALF TIME
Undergraduates (except AOC)	12 or more credits	6-11 credits	5 or fewer credits
AOC Undergraduates	8 or more credits	6-7 credits	5 or fewer credits
Graduates	8 or more credits	4-7 credits	3 or fewer credits
<b>Summer Sessions*</b>			
SEMESTER	FULL TIME	HALF TIME	LESS THAN HALF TIME
Undergraduates	6 or more credits	3-5 credits	2 or fewer credits
Graduates	6 or more credits	3-5 credits	2 or fewer credits

Eligibility for veterans benefits and other types of financial aid may be based on different credit load requirements. For financial aid purposes, AOC undergraduates are not considered full-time unless enrolled for 12 or more credits and for all students, enrollment status for summer is defined the same as for the Fall/Spring semesters. Contact Veterans Affairs or Financial Aid for further information.

Teaching or program/project assistants that are employed at 1/3 or more time and enrolled for six or more credits during the fall and spring semesters are usually considered full-time graduate students.

During fall and spring semesters, doctoral students must be enrolled for three graduate-level dissertation or research credits (at the current per-credit dissertator rate) each semester until their dissertation is accepted by the Graduate School. During any summers in which a doctoral student uses university facilities or faculty time, is a fellow or research assistant, or plans to graduate, the doctoral student must register for three graduate level credits (dissertator rate) in the regular eight-week summer session. Three is the minimum (and the maximum) per semester.

**Note:** For verification purposes and in determining financial-aid eligibility, English 90/95 and Math 90/95 will each be treated as the equivalent of a 3-credit class. Department of Education rules require that the same credit load standards apply for spring, fall and summer session loan deferment verifications. Therefore, for undergraduates, an enrollment of at least six credits (halftime enrollment) is required for loan deferment verification purposes for the summer session.

\* In order to be reported as fully-enrolled for a term, a student must be enrolled as of the day after the add deadline in that term; prior to that date a student is considered registered but not fully enrolled.